

May | August 2000

on show

exhibitions, events & activities from the
Museums of the Potteries

continuing @ The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery

Arty Crafty
until 18 June 2000

Celebrating the diversity of our own collections - from cloth to clay to canvas - the exhibition is complemented by work from contemporary artists in the region. Also on show are the first purchases made in our Contemporary Art Society Special Collection Scheme, bought with funds from the Arts Council Lottery and the Crafts Council.



new exhibitions at **The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**

Gerald Scarfe 13 May - 2 July 2000

A stylized, handwritten signature of Gerald Scarfe in purple ink.



A comprehensive survey of Gerald Scarfe's work over a forty year period. This exhibition features some of Scarfe's early satirical drawings of Harold Macmillan at the time of the Profumo affair and the ageing Churchill in the Commons, which was so controversial that publication was refused.

Meet the Artist: Gerald Scarfe will be giving an informal tour of the exhibition 13 May, 3.00 - 4.00, Free.

Exhibition organised by the National Portrait Gallery, London

NATIONAL
PORTRAIT
GALLERY
TOURING EXHIBITION

Left: Comedians (Eric Morecambe) Reproduced from a stamp designed by Gerald Scarfe and issued by Royal Mail on 23 April 1998
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Alan Currall: Encyclopaedia
13 May - 2 July 2000

Encyclopaedia is a specially commissioned video/ CD-ROM that is central to this profile of Currall's film and video works. Encyclopaedia takes the form of short video clips with contributors speaking directly to the camera about their knowledge of a particular subject or topic.

Meet the Artist: Alan Currall will be talking about his film & videos 16 May, 2.30 - 4.00, Free.

Left: Alan Currall
"Survival Kits" (detail)
1996-1997



film and video umbrella





Playgrounds of the Potteries 1 May - 6 June 2000

Through photographs, drawings, film footage and memories, this display gives a glimpse into the changing history of Trentham Gardens & Alton Towers, from private estates to playgrounds for the people of the Potteries.



Time Flies 6 & 7 May 2000

Members of the *World War II Display Team* will be in The Reginald Mitchell Spitfire Gallery. A pilot and groundcrew will be on hand to give you a true slice of life in wartime Britain. A sign language interpreter will be available.



Henry Sandon's "A Potaholic's Potted History of the Potteries" 6 May 2000

A potaholic antique looks at 2000 years of pots, 2.00 - 3.00, *Forum Theatre*. **Plus** Bring your Pots session, 3.30 - 4.30. Charge per pot examined 50p. Tickets, £4.00 adults, £3.00 concessions. From the Visitor Desk.

summer half-term & holiday fun!

at *The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery*

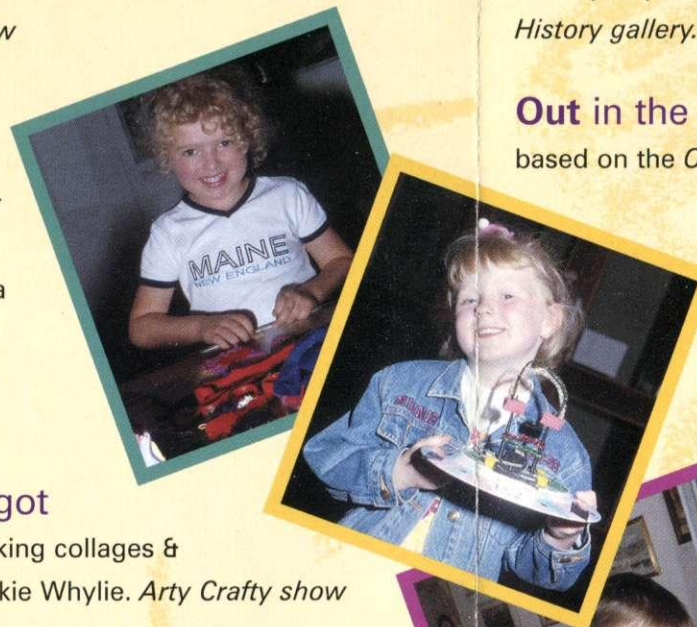
with an **exciting** programme of **drop-in workshops** for **children**

Headlines 30 May Make larger than life drawings of friends & family. For children over 10.

Gerald Scarfe show

Spot On

31 May Make beauty patches for your face, 18th century style and a pretty box to keep them in. *Changing Fashions gallery*



Knits, we've got

knits 1 June Making collages & weavings with Jackie Whyllie. *Arty Crafty show*

Action Art 24 July & 28 July 2.00 - 3.30.

Meet artists, to talk to them about their work & have a go. For ages 13 & over. Maximum 15 people - please phone & book. *Open Art exhibition*

Hubble Trouble 25 - 27 July Design a replacement telescope for the Hubble out of space scraps. *Hubble exhibition*

Workshops run from 10.30 - 4.00 unless otherwise stated and only cost 50p. Children under 8 to be accompanied by an adult.

What on Earth 8 - 10 August A rock science activity & quiz about the geology of the earth. *Natural History gallery.*

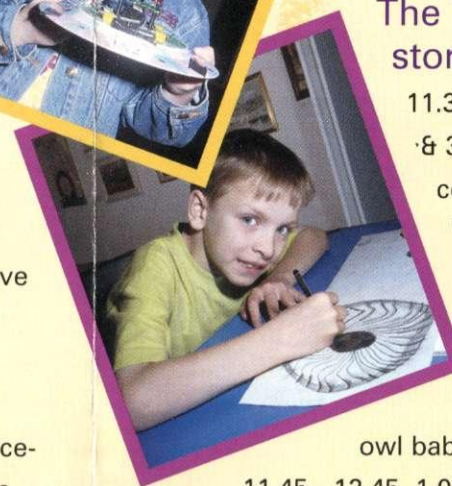
Out in the Open 15 - 17 August Activities based on the *Open Art* show.

Planet People 22 - 24 August

Create planet people for our three new planets Stalltun, Lemburs & Leyhan. *Hubble exhibition*

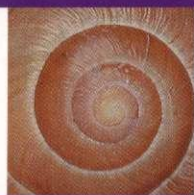
The Willow Pattern

story 29 & 31 August 10.30 - 11.30, 11.45 - 12.45, 2.00 - 3.00 & 3.15 - 4.15 Storytelling & colouring. Tickets from the Visitor Desk



Owls 30 August Make an owl mask, see some 'owly' things & listen to the owl babies story. 10.30 - 11.30, 11.45 - 12.45, 1.00 - 2.00 and 2.15 - 3.15.

Tickets from the Visitor Desk. *Natural History gallery*



The On-line Museum From 1 May 2000

Explore 20th century Studio Pottery, 18th and 19th century Wood family pottery and amazing collections of Molluscs & Fossil Fish via touch screen computers located in the galleries. Also available on the internet at www.stoke.gov.uk/museums and on the City's new Community Network, which can be accessed in local libraries & schools. *A Designation Challenge Fund project.*

Community Timeline

20 July - 4 August
Community Group
'Meir in Action' have researched the history of their area for this super millennium show.

Staffordshire Millennium Embroideries

22 - 27 July
This unique set of eleven panels of hand embroidery depict 1,000 years of history in the County of Staffordshire. *Foyer*

Dudson: A Family of Potters

1800 - 2000

29 July - 29 October
This display of ceramics celebrates the success of this highly innovative

company, now a leading supplier of hotelware, in their bi-centenary year.

Dudson talks:
15 August,
12 September
& 17 October,
11.30-12.30.
Foyer



Gladstone Working Pottery Museum 01782 319232

20 May & 29 July **Art Deco Workshop** - for adults 10.30 - 12.30 & 1.30 - 3.30. £7.50. Booking essential. 29 May **Open Top Bus Tours & Saggar Making Demonstrations**. Free. 29 May - 2 June **Horrible Heads** half term hands-on activity. £1.00 + normal admission charge. 1 June & 10 August **Art Deco Workshop** - for families 10.30 - 12.30 & 1.30 - 3.30. £7.50 Adults & £3.95 Children. Booking essential. Throughout August **Millennium Gnome Celebrations**. 28 August **Open Top Bus Tours, Saggar Making Demonstrations & Animal Magic**. Tours free, Animal Magic 50p + normal admission charge.

Etruria Industrial Museum 01782 233144

6 & 7 May **Mill in Steam** 1.00 - 4.15, **North Staffs Family History Society**. **Canal-ware painting** - Demonstrations by Mary & Bill Harvey. 3 & 4 June **8th Etruria Canal Festival & Stoke I.W.A. Rally 2000** Free. **Mill in Steam** 1.00 - 4.15. **Canal-ware painting** - Demonstrations by Mary & Bill Harvey. **Etruria will be closed on 5 June 2000 for approx. six months.** Major restoration work will be carried out to Jesse Shirley's Mill & the reception building extended.

Ford Green Hall 01782 233195

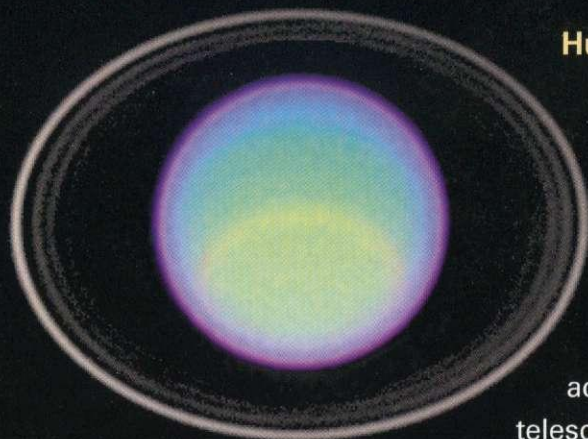
14 May **Plant Sale** 1.00 - 4.30. 29 May **Music Live** Keele Recorder Ensemble: Early Music 2.00 - 3.15, £1.50 adults, £1.00 children & concs. 30 May - 1 June **Half Term Activities** 1.00 - 4.00. £1.50 per child includes entry for one accompanying adult and entrance to hall and garden. 31 July - 3 August, 7 - 10 August, 14 - 17 August, 21 - 24 August **Summer Holiday Children's activities** 1.00 - 4.00. £1.50 per child + free entry for one accompanying adult & entrance to hall & garden. 2 July 'On a summer afternoon ...Tudor and Stuart pastimes' 1.00 - 4.30. 6 August **Romeo and Juliet** open air performance. 6.00 Tickets £4 (no concs) from Ford Green Hall. Early booking advisable.

Please contact museums for admission prices & opening hours



Hubble's Universe

1 July - 3 September 2000



Breathtaking images of stars, planets and galaxies feature in this exhibition of large-format photographs taken by the Hubble Space Telescope. From our solar system, to the farthest reaches of the cosmos, Hubble's Universe is an incredible journey through time and space. You can also access the Hubble web-site for the latest pictures from the telescope. **Exhibition organised by BlueSpace, London**

Left: Uranus' atmosphere Cover: New-born stars in the Eagle Nebula (M16) (detail)

Open 2000

22 July - 17 September

This annual selling exhibition features an extraordinary range of art & craft: from painting, computer generated artwork, photography & sculpture, to ceramics, textiles & glass. A major new prize for artists will be part of the attraction of entering the first open of the new millennium.

Entry forms available from the Visitor Desk.



Made at New Canton: The Story of Bow Porcelain

19 August - 1 October 2000



Exhibition organised by Newham Borough Council, London.

This touring exhibition celebrates the porcelain made at Bow, London. The company called itself "New Canton" and was one of the first British attempts to copy

Chinese porcelain. Although in production for less than 30 years it also produced wares in the classical taste as well as pieces influenced by the theatre.

For details of activities and events please contact the Visitor Desk.

Above: Basin, Apples 1760